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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/736,265	Applicant(s) LUCA ET AL.	
	Examiner Robert C. Watson	Art Unit 3723	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>12/15/03</u> | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____ |

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-6, 8-14, and 16-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hui in view of McDermott and Milwain.

Hui teaches a frame having plural support members 24 and plural engaging holders 22 for engaging an automobile part(s). Support member 24 is channel shaped and has a saddle 50 with angled flanges 38,40.

McDermott teaches that a support frame may have wheels. To provide wheels for the support frame of Hui would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made in view of the disclosure of McDermott. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this in order to enable the frame to be conveniently moved.

Milwain teaches that an engaging holder may have a pin to releasably engage structure on the body that is used to secure the body to a vehicle. To provide pin engaging structure for the Hui frame to releasably engage structure on the body that is used to secure the body to a vehicle would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made in view of the disclosure of Milwain. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this in order to conveniently lock or otherwise positively hold the body to the frame.

To provide three upward support members in lieu of two is no more than an obvious duplication of the teachings of Hui absent a showing of criticality for this feature. The type of workpieces being held or the number of workpieces being held is a matter of intended use that has no patentable significance. In any case, the above applied structure is capable of performing the recited intended use. The holders *supra* provide unrestricted access to the body part being held.

Claims 7 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hui, McDermott, and Milwain *supra* taken with Nillson.

Nillson teaches a frame having brackets for receiving a fork lift truck. To provide brackets on the above applied structure of Hui in view of McDermott and Milwain would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made in view of the disclosure of Nilsson. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this in order to enable heavy objects being supported in the frame to be readily transported with minimum manual effort.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert C. Watson whose telephone number is 571 272-4498. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Thurs. , 5:30am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph J. Hail III can be reached on 571 272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert C. Watson", with a stylized, flowing script.

ROBERT C. WATSON
PRIMARY EXAMINER